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LEBANON WON'T BE AS HIGH AS YEAR ONE PLEDGE

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11. (C) HMG is currently in the process of determining the amount of its pledge to Year Two of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, FCO Levant Group Head Benjamin Saoul told us December 15 in response to reftel demarche. The exact amount of the contribution will not be decided until early 2009, Saoul said, but it will not be as high as the UK's Year One pledge of approximately USD 1,000,000. The money will come from existing funds for Lebanon that must also include training for the Lebanese Armed Forces and the police, so it will be a matter of prioritization among those tasks, Saoul said.

12. Tripoli minimize considered.

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